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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING AND KEEPING

DRY ESPECIALLY COLD-ROLLED STRIP IN THE

DELIVERY AREA OF COLD-ROLLING AND

STRIP-ROLLING PLANTS

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